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Letter dated 14 August 2014 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 2127 (2013) of 5 December 2013, by which the Council requested me to rapidly establish an international commission of inquiry for an initial period of one year, including experts in both international humanitarian law and human rights law, in order to immediately investigate reports of violations of international humanitarian law, international human rights law and abuses of human rights in the Central African Republic by all parties since 1 January 2013, to compile information, to help to identify the perpetrators of such violations and abuses, to point to their possible criminal responsibility and to help to ensure that those responsible are held accountable.

I also wish to recall my letter dated 20 January 2014 (S/2014/43) addressed to the President of the Security Council, in which I informed him of the arrangements under way for the establishment of the Commission and of the nomination of three members of the Commission (Bernard Acho Muna (Cameroon) as Chair of the Commission and Fatimata M'Baye (Mauritania) and Jorge Castañeda (Mexico) as members of the Commission).

Mr. Castañeda informed me that, for personal reasons, he had to step down from the Commission. I therefore wish to inform the Council that, following the resignation of Mr. Castañeda, I have decided to appoint Philip G. Alston (Australia) as a member of the Commission.

Mr. Alston is an international law scholar and human rights practitioner. He is the John Norton Pomeroy Professor of Law at the New York University School of Law and co Chair of its Centre for Human Rights and Global Justice. In human rights law, Mr. Alston has held a range of senior United Nations appointments for over two decades, including Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, a position he held from 2004 to 2010. Mr. Alston also served as an expert member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights from 1987 to 1991 and as its Chair from 1991 to 1998.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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